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TAGS: EGEN, CA

SUBJECT: CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE: CONGRESSIONAL  
URANIUM INVESTIGATION

1. FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE PROVIDED TO DEPT.  
SPOKESMAN JUNE 17:

BEGIN TEXT: BACKGROUND: THE MOSS SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVER-  
SIGHT AND INVESTIGATIONS WILL BEGIN HEARINGS TODAY INTO AN  
ALLEGED INTERNATIONAL URANIUM CARTEL INVOLVING INTER ALIA  
CANADIAN FIRMS. THE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS OBTAINED BY SUBPOENA  
FROM GULF OIL CORP. CERTAIN DOCUMENTS, RELATING TO PARTICI-  
PATION IN THE CARTEL BY CANADIAN FIRMS, WHICH ARE  
CONSIDERED CLASSIFIED BY THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT. THE  
CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THAT THE DOCUMENTS NOT BE  
MADE PUBLIC, AND WE HAVE PASSED THIS REQUEST TO THE  
SUBCOMMITTEE.

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QUESTION: HAS THE STATE DEPARTMENT EXPRESSED ITS VIEWS TO  
THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON RELEASE OF THE CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS?

ANSWER: THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FORMALLY REQUESTED THAT  
THE SUBCOMMITTEE NOT RELEASE THE DOCUMENTS IN QUESTION. IN  
TRANSMITTING THIS REQUEST TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE, THE DEPART-

MENT EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD HONOR  
IT INSOFAR AS THIS WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH ITS  
INVESTIGATION.

QUESTION: WILL THE DOCUMENTS BE MADE PUBLIC BY THE  
SUBCOMMITTEE?

ANSWER: IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THESUBCOMMITTEE  
HAS NO PLAN TO PUBLISH THE DOCUMENTS; THEY WILL BE USED  
AS REQUIRED IN THE COURSE OF THE HEARINGS. ANY FURTHER  
QUESTIONS ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S INTENTIONS SHOULD BE PUT  
TO ITS STAFF. -- END TEXT.

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